



THE STORY OF GOD'S GREAT *Love*

Part 9

Shepherding Your Family with the 'IS' Factor
Psalm 78

Ps 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

Psalm 78

**1 Listen, O my people, to my instruction;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old able to teach
others also.**

GOD'S COVENANT PLAN:

**3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.**

**4 We will not conceal them from their
children,
But tell to the generation to come**

**2 Tim. 2:2 The things which you have heard
from me in the presence of many witnesses,
entrust these to faithful men who will be
able to teach others also.**

GOD'S COMMAND:

To Tell:

**4 ...the praises of the LORD,
And His strength and His wondrous works that
He has done.**

To Teach:

**5 For He established a testimony in Jacob
And appointed a law in Israel...**

Ps 119:1-2

**1 How blessed are those whose way is
blameless,
Who walk in the law of the LORD. How blessed
are those who observe His testimonies,
Who seek Him with all their heart.**

Psalm 119:9-16

**9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By keeping it according to Your word. With all
my heart I have sought You; do not let me
wander from Your commandments. Your word
I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin
against You. Blessed are You, O LORD;
teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have
told of all the ordinances of Your mouth.
I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
as much as in all riches. I will meditate on
Your precepts
and regard Your ways. I shall delight in Your
statutes;
I shall not forget Your word.**

Psalm 119: 97- 100

**97 O how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the day. Your
commandments make me wiser than my
enemies,
for they are ever mine.
I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation. I
understand more than the aged,
because I have observed Your precepts.**

**78:5 ...Which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children,
6 that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children,
7 that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments,
8 and not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

GOD'S CONDEMNATION:

11 They forgot His deeds and His miracles that He had shown them.

18 And in their heart they put God to the test by asking food according to their desire.

36 But they deceived Him with their mouth and lied to Him with their tongue.

40 How often they rebelled against Him in the wilderness and grieved Him in the desert!

GOD'S COMPASSION:

**38 But He, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them;
And often He restrained His anger
And did not arouse all His wrath.**

**39 Thus He remembered that they were but flesh,
A wind that passes and does not return.**

72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with his skillful hands.

The “IS” Factor

Integrity of heart ...Who we are!

Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

**Ps 86:11 Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.**

**Ps 15:1-2 O LORD, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill?
2 He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness,
and speaks truth in his heart.**

**Ps 101: 2-3
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget none of His benefits;
3 Who pardons all your iniquities.**



Can you say...

Ps 26:1 Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Will you say...

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Skillful hands... What we do!

Ps 18:34 He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.



Challenges for most of us:

Time

Training

- **Family Worship**
- **Faith Talks**
- **Faith Walks**
- **Faith Action**
- **Strive for Five**

